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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Walter Elder
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Revised DCI Directive for SIGINT Committee

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1. Action Requested: That you review the revised DCI directive and approve its circulation to members of the SIGINT Committee for comment.

2. Background: The directive has been revised as a result of consultations among the Chairman, SIGINT Committee, the Chairman, Security Committee, and the Executive Secretary, NFIB/NFIC.

The main thrust of the revision is to simplify the Committee's charter and to highlight its advisory and coordinating functions.

A copy of the existing directive (effective 18 May 1976) is attached for your ready reference.

Paragraph (h) under Functions is intended to clarify the division of labor between the SIGINT and Security Committees with respect to the security of SIGINT. In effect, the SIGINT Committee determines policies for the protection, through classification and compartmentation, of SIGINT or SIGINT-derived information while the Security Committee develops common procedures for the administrative handling of compartmented information. A similar formulation will appear in the revised directive for COMIREX. This should resolve a long-standing ambiguity.

As a function of reviewing the DCI directives, the opportunity to review and revise the Committee's basic charter presents itself and can be used to revise the directive at this time or as an independent action.

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3. Recommendation: That you approve the revised DCI directive for circulation to the SIGINT Committee members for comment.

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Walter Elder

Attachment:

Draft/Revised DCID
SIGINT Committee

APPROVED: /s/ D. R. Inman

DISAPPROVED: _____

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